



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 28, 2000

H.R. 1231

An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 10, 2000*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1231 would have no impact on the federal budget. Because the act would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 1231 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Elko County, Nevada, about two acres of national forest land for use as a cemetery, as well as a bridge and part of a road that provide access to that land. The conveyance would be at no cost to the county. According to the Forest Service, the county currently uses the two acres of federal property for a cemetery free of charge under a special use permit. Therefore, conveying the property to the county would not result in a loss of receipts from permit fees.

H.R. 1231 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. This conveyance, and all costs associated with it, would be voluntary on the part of the county. The only cost incurred by the county would be for a survey to determine the exact acreage and description of the property. The act would have no other significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On August 6, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1231, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on August 4, 1999. The two versions of this legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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